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Here is the Bear's Ears with oil and gas info.

On Tue, May 16, 2017 at 2:10 PM, Ginn, Allison <aginn@blm.gov> wrote:

UTSO Team-

Please find attached update Word versions of the Executive Summary and Data Responses for Grand Staircase National Monument and the supporting documents. (Seriously, their staff is amazing- the breadth of materials collected in such short order is phenomenal.) GSENM is still working diligently on this response, so please be advised that this is just an updated draft and subject to changes.

All supporting documents are located in the DOI's Google Drive folder, but only a few BLMers have access in Drive. Because there are many large files, I'm attaching only a few documents referenced in the response that I think will be of interest to UTSO reviewers.

I believe that Cindy is still waiting on some information from the 5th floor, the grazing program, and review by External Affairs.

I've been at my desk since 5:45 am and am heading home shortly, but wanted UTSO staff members to have an opportunity to see the progress of the document. Please bring any issues to our attention during the conference call tomorrow morning (UTSO folks can gather in Monument Room A).

Thanks!

Regards,

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**Call for Data Related to Review of National Monuments under EO 13792 (April 26, 2017)****1. Documents Requested****a. Resource Management Plans/Land Use Plans**

- Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) has not yet initiated a Monument Management Plan (MMP). The 2008 Monticello RMP will be followed in the interim. The entire Monticello RMP (DEIS/FEIS/ROD) can be accessed here: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl front office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=68097&dctmId=0b0003e880befb7c>. A copy of the 5 year RMP Evaluation is also in this folder (1.a.Monticello RMP Evaluation September 2015.pdf).

**b. Record of Decision**

- BENM has not yet initiated a Monument Management Plan. The 2008 Monticello RMP will be followed in the interim. The ROD is in this folder (1.b.Monticello Final Plan ROD.pdf) and can be accessed here: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl front office/projects/lup/68097/85493/102694/Monticello Final Plan.pdf>

**c. Public Scoping Documents**

- Public scoping has not yet been initiated for a BENM MMP. The first public comment period post designation associated with BENM is the DOI Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment.

**d. Presidential Proclamation**

- Proclamation 9558 of December 28, 2016 is in this folder (1.d.Bears Ears Presidential Proclamation.pdf)

**2. Information on activities permitted at the Monument, including annual levels of activity from the date of designation to the present (Designation date for BENM is December 28, 2016 information is for 2nd quarter FY17)****a. Recreation annual visits to site**

- BLM uses the Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) to report visitor use. While we do have some traffic counter (see 2.a.3.a.TRAFX Master Summary MtFO (2008 2017)) and permit data, full reporting for annual

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mineral materials site....While no new mineral production will be permitted, valid existing rights were protected under the Proclamation.

- d. Timber annual timber production on site (in board feet, CCF, or similar measure)

- e. Grazing annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

- There are 20 allotments that wholly or partially contained within BENM. These allotments include 50,469 permitted AUMs. Allotment boundaries do not coincide with the BENM boundary, and therefore it is not possible to calculate the number of AUMs currently permitted within the monument boundary.

- f. Subsistence participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available

- g. Cultural list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

3. Information on activities occurring during the 5 years prior to designation

- a. Recreation annual visits to site

- BLM uses the Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) to report visitor use. BENM is a subset of the Monticello Field Office. RMIS data for the MtFO is included in the folder (2.a.RMISData SelectInfo 2012 2016.pdf). Additional reports can be pulled through RMIS.

- b. Energy annual production of coal, oil, gas and renewables (if any) on site; amount of energy transmission infrastructure on site (if any)

- There was no oil and gas production within the area now bounded by the BENM in the five years prior to designation. There was 63,777 acres of land within the Bear Ears nominated for the 2014 through 2018 Lease Sales, but all the parcels derived from nomination were deferred since they were within the anticipated San Juan MLP.

- c. Minerals annual mineral production on site

- d. Timber annual timber production on site (in board feet, CCF, or similar measure)

- e. Grazing annual grazing on site (AUMs permitted and sold)

- f. Subsistence participation rates for subsistence activities occurring on site (fishing, hunting, gathering); quantities harvested; other quantifiable information where available

- g. Cultural list of cultural uses/values for site; number of sites; other quantifiable information where available

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4. Information on activities that likely would have occurred annually from the date of designation to the present **if the Monument had not been designated**

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5. Changes to boundaries dates and changes in size

- Not applicable to BENM; no changes since designation

6. Public Outreach prior to Designation outreach activities conducted and opportunities for public comment

Note: While there has yet to be a public comment period for a Monument Management Plan, the public process preceding BENM designation is outlined in 6.Bears Ears Fact Facts QA.pdf (released with the DOI/USDA joint press release on 12/28/16) in this folder.

- Secretary Jewell held a public meeting in Bluff, Utah in July 2016.  
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7. Terms of Designation

Refer to Proclamation for the terms of designation.

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